## Montana Retired Educators Association

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**TO:** Members of the Appropriations Committee

FROM: Tom Altmaier, Volunteer Advocate, Montana Retired Educators Association

**RE: HB15** 

Chairman and members of the committee: For the record my name is Tom Altmaier and I am a volunteer advocate for the Montana Retired Educators Association. We are a group of 1700 retired educators throughout the state. We understand the need for adequate funding of Public Schools and strongly support this Bill.

Education is closely entwined with economic development. MREA urges you to pass House Bill 15.

Thank you for your time and consideration.